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(C) Poloff delivered ref A and B points to MFA UN Office Director Natalia Quintavalle April 28 and 29, respectively, and urged Italy to support a formal UNSC meeting on Zimbabwe and make strong statements of concern about the situation in Zimbabwe during the informal consultations on April 29. Quintavalle said that on Africa matters Italy was primarily focused on Sudan and the Horn of Africa, and generally deferred to the EU common position on Zimbabwe. She said Italy remained hopeful that the crisis in Zimbabwe could be resolved through the intercession of regional institutions like the Southern African Development Community and the African Union, but if no satisfactory progress could be made through those fora, Italy would support an expanded UNSC role. SPOGLI